

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Local Human Rights Committee

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2012

Members Present: Page Shield, Cindy Ring, Virginia Luong, and William Quarles

Others Present: Chuck Collins (HR Advocate), Mary Ellen Chewning (The Arc), Crystal Kwolek and Brittany Dean (C.J. Designs), John Humphreys (Fair Haven Residential Services), Kathy Nelson (HRC SB), Heather N. Corbin (Pleasant View, Inc.), Andree Gitchell and Natalie Rinaca (RMH), Eryn Clawson.

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Those in attendance made introductions.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2012 meeting as mailed was made by Cindy Ring, seconded by Virginia Luong and unanimously approved by the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments.

ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTS

RMH – Andree Gitchell provided the Annual Report. 1078 served on the inpatient unit, 61 served in the Life Recovery (IOP) and 345 served in the Partial Hospitalization program during 2011. Annual Human Rights training is required by staff annually. In addition, staff meetings regularly include report of Human Rights violations with discussion on opportunities to improve. Several Policy Procedure changes were reported which included defined procedures for Informed Consent for Voluntary Psychiatric Treatment and Informed Consent for Medication. In addition, there was a policy change regarding limiting the amount of money patients are allowed to have on the unit and the policy regarding visit hours, shifting the time to start and end ½ hour earlier. Two Abuse allegations were reported, one of which has been closed. The other is pended while an insurance investigation is being conducted. Twenty complaints reported for the year. Eighteen of which were resolved below Director level and 2 managed by their internal Privacy Officer.

CJ Designs- Brittany Dean provided the Annual Report. Sunset Ridge is licensed to serve eight residents with ID. They are currently in the process of expanding their license to include the addition of a 6 bed Supervised Living at the same site, separate floor. Somerset is currently licensed for 4 individuals with ID. CJ Design is currently exploring options to expand this site or possibly add an additional site. Three complaints were reported for the year of 2011. An internal investigation determined one case to be unfounded. The other two cases were Peer-to-Peer incidents without injuries and reported to the Regional Advocate. Human rights Training includes training within the first 30

days of employment via a power point presentation and yearly thereafter. Staff is also encouraged to attend the yearly HR Training provided by the Regional Advocate.

REVIEW of AFFILIATE QUARTERLY REPORTS

No comments.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Chuck Collins shared the State's progress with complying with the DOJ agreement. Also reported licensing specialists have been increased by 50 % to handle the increase oversight required for the transfer of individuals from the training centers to the communities. Chuck Collins advised providers to ask questions of potential admissions to be sure it is a good match for their programs. Chuck also reported on two State LHRC members who have completed their 6-year terms and provided an update on WSH, now slated to open the Fall of 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS

Kathy Nelson reported the HRCSB went live with an electronic health record on July 2nd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE "NEXT FRIEND" DESIGNATION

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to move that the Committee go into Executive Session under section 2.2-3711(A), Subparagraph 15 of the Virginia Code regarding discussion or consideration of medical and mental records.

The Committee met in Executive Session.

Page Shields moved that the Committee certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) to which the proposed Next Friend designation for a Pleasant View client was presented and reviewed.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made to re-open the session to the public. The motion was seconded and approved to move the Committee into Open Session. At which time there was a motion to appoint Eryn Clawson as Next Friend designation to a Pleasant View client discussed in the executive session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by attending Committee Members

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Lucy F. Simms Board Conference Room. The Lucy F. Simms Building is located at 620 Simms Avenue Harrisonburg, VA 22802

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ring
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary